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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: ICE-TRANSITING

VESSELS (05.0502) - NANSEN DRIFT PROJECT

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1. DURING MARCH 9 DISCUSSIONS WITH YE. I. TOLSTIKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE USSR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, WHO SUPERVISES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD, EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A NANSEN DRIFT PROJECT.

2. TOLSTIKOV SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL AND THAT HE HAD READ THE LENGTHY U.S. DOCUMENT, "SCIENTIFIC PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED NANSEN DRIFT STATION," TRANSMITTED TO THE SOVIETS IN AUGUST, 1976. HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE STUDY OF THE INTERACTION OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE OCEAN BUT SAID THAT, EVEN AFTER READING THE REPORT, HE WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHY THE U.S. WISHED TO PURSUE THIS STUDY IN THE ARCTIC AND PARTICULARLY ALONG THE NANSEN DRIFT LINE. TOLSTIKOV NOTED THAT HYDROMET ALREADY MAINTAINS PERMANENT HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL STATIONS ON ISLANDS IN THE VICINITY, AS WELL AS TWO DRIFTING STATIONS, WHICH REGULARLY GATHER THE SORT OF DATA ENVISAGED IN THE U.S. PROPOSAL.

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THIS DATA IS AVAILABLE TO THE WHOLE WORLD, TOLSTIKOV ADDED, AND COULD EASILY BE PROVIDED TO THE U.S. SPECIALISTS INTERESTED IN THE NANSEN DRIFT PROJECT. IT THEREFORE APPEARS TO TOLSTIKOV THAT A JOINT PROJECT ALONG THE LINES OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD BE AN UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY HYDROMET.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. SCIENCE COUNSELOR WILL PURSUE U.S. PROPOSAL WITH TOLSTIKOV IF U.S. SIDE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RATIONALE FOR A JOINT PROJECT ALONG NANSEN DRIFT LINE. PLEASE ADVISE. REQUEST ALSO STATUS OF PROPOSED NANSEN DRIFT PROJECT. REFS INFORMED THAT USG HAD NOT YET APPROVED THE DRIFT STATION PROJECT AND NOTED (REF A) THAT DISCUSSION WITH OTHER PARTIES WOULD OF NECESSITY BE INFORMAL UNTIL USG REACHED A POSITIVE DECISION. TO DATE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION ON USG DECISION. TOON

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